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CLERK: It cleared Mr. President. We will have revote.

PRESIDENT: We will have to revote on this one, I'm sorry. The question is shall the bill be returned for a specific amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 16 ayes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: (mike not activated) for automatic close as is the policy of this body.

PRESIDENT: Automatic close? The Chair...

SENATOR KELLY: I waive it.

PRESIDENT: There is nothing to waive, you have had to closings Senator.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 21 nays Mr. President.

SENATOR KELLY: (Not activated) I'm sorry I mis-spoke.

PRESIDENT: You don't waive that. You ask for it and you get it.

CLERK: Read motion regarding LB249

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't want to take any time. This is one bill that we moved last Friday when there were 26 people here. I offered the amendment and it was soundly defeated 9-8 but I would like to have you very quickly look at the bill and understand what it is. It is a very important bill. It is Senator Burbach's and it is a very important bill. It needs to be passed. It changes in the wording so that we can use the funding for automatic signal devices in the state of Nebraska on all highways and crossings. That needs to be done. We have got to do that. The part that I would like to bring to your attention and ask you to change is the fact that presently all automatic signal devices the cost of the maintenance are paid for by the those particular railroads crossing the roads. In this new bill, in this bill, the new language puts the burden at least 50% upon the state of Nebraska and that cost, so I have been told may be perhaps a thousand to eleven-hundred dollars per crossing for the state of Nebraska, at least 50% of that. Now this will be only for those new crossings going for....it is not retroactive, but it is for I want to bring this to your attention. It is my contention that the railroads should be involved just the way that they are. The only thing was the meat of the bill was to change the words so that we could have those funds available for all crossings in the state of Nebraska. I am striking by my amendment the part that says that it is the State of Nebraska paying for 50% of the maintenance or shall... may and shall pay for the maintenance of these crossings or automatic signal devices. I would ask for the adoption of that amendment.